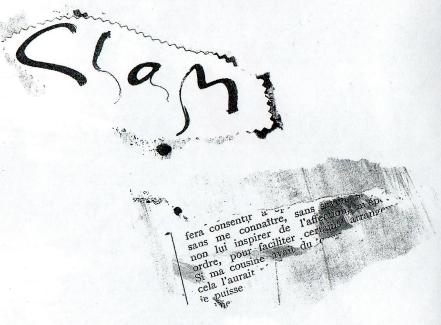


SANS ME CONNAÎTRE: CLAM LEAK THROAT

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Onde

¿Roberto Bolaño dónde estaba en las llanuras de Sonora con un pez descabezado dónde estaba por los cafés de Santiago de Chile en el año fronterizo de 1970 los litros de vino de arena llenos dónde estaba cuando el aire surgía de espigas y mariposas de una ala sola dónde estaba la respiración de humo frío el intento sinzapatero de caminar por el acantilado dónde estaba en el zócalo atestado de calaveras y flores de luces y ocuridades de camión dónde estaba por la escalera de tumbas y boca que se retuerce en la calle dónde estaba dónde estaba yo cuando me echaba las migas en la mesa de una casa de maestros allá por el norte con sus polvos y cabrones dónde estaba dónde estaba yo? ¿Dónde estaba en el fango de una playa conocida como desconocida dónde estaba entre los libros perdidos bajo la estufa los libros invisibles leídos con el ojo miópico de la lluvia la lluvia fonética y calva?

Enter

enter the listing shadow the crawling spoon the stunned locker vomiting sugar enter the steps clattering into the mildew where a lampshade growls in the dust enter the luggage where a book smolders and shoulders into the underwear enter the crawling ladder enter the skull indentions where your thumb has lost its eyes enter the comb falling from your glasses enter the swallowed air enter the towel you wipe your ass with enter the cumbre de los pedos enter the system throated and scummy with detergent enter the scowling sock drawer where your urn awaits enter the lather enter the vienna sausage enter the window into the whistling deep in your sailing ear the hissing where the horizon sinks scrawling into the lake

Sea and Soap

I slept in the soapy sandwich where a hamster dreamed I slept where the owls gathered on a shelf breathing dust and cathairs I slept next a window on a toilet covered with ice and glanced at a book about time swirling in the flush I slept past the slumping piles of novels and storm doors the bags of bags and shoes where was I sleeping when the wind scoured the bark from a tree when the fridge was leaking its blood into the basement was I sleeping when the car burst into flame was I sleeping when the garbage trucks coughed and recited the poems in your street where was I sleeping when I slept in the waiting room beyond the drills and hoses did I sleep in the ladder did I sleep in the wide wheezing space of the desert far to the south where the sleep is a sand dune where my sleep once awake is a pillow expanding like fog yellowing over the sea

Knocking

breathe the fog that churned in the hole of yr flashlight breathe a coin and key left on the stairs could you breathe the shopping lists swirling in the winded parking lot the notebook scoured by the sands of Death Valley by the rusty swords unsheathed in Monterrey at the Plaza de Toros de 1963 where your hat was breathing the beer and diesel fumes was I breathing when the guns were raised in Saltillo was I breathing when your portrait reflected the moon on my wall was I a breath was I your mirrored mask whispering along the street past the blackened door at the tortillería was I breathing in the diarrheic bus sweating in Nuevo Laredo with a bag of books between my legs a caca de barro en mi bolsillo I was breathing when I fell on the page and lost a match was breathing when I remembered your name was breath and doorways where someone was knocking who was never there

El Cielo Visible

my pain was a drink spilling on the stairs a backhoe grumbling in the street my pain was breathing the polvo Mixteca de un callejón de Tenochtitlán my pain a lather on the crack of my neck a cat yowling in the hall downstairs I thought my pain was a shoe leaking in the rain in my foot curling higher and tighter beneath a blanket of smoke from a fire in a shack in Temuco, Chile de 1970 el dolor que despierto es un culo degollador un frente covered with blackberry canes my pain was my "pain" a belching steer pushed at a barbed wire fence my pain was not my pen bending in the wind it was not your fork stabbing a blackened brussels sprout it was a cloud a suit a puddle thrashing in my breath where I stood on the sidewalk and counted the one of my pain the two of the spreading sky

Blow Away

the crusted wind I covered with eyesight the wind and tooth lost in the bottom drawer there was a wind I nailed to a board in the splintered garage the wind of numbers fogged in my pocket I shaved the wind from my trembling coat dogged the wind with my tongue gagged and soaked with wind your glasses retained my sandwich hollowed with wind and my undershirt a coughing towel of wind I cornered in the loot hidden in my closet the dribbling wind caressing my face I shoveled my ashes behind the wind and twisted around to the front of my wind a moon sunk in a bucket I cradled a wind in a darkened street in St. Louis 1961 the wind was a throat I strangled and opened was a sea its lunging mountains where I was the wind in 1948 I was a ship a small grey wall quaking and clanging in the circular wind

Rumor Finito

rumor de comodrilos y me he tomado un aire blanco de leche rumor de humo rum or que come las sardinas de mis calzones me he el sabor rumorífero dormido el rumor de mis zapatos en un acantilado de Saskatchewan con un círculo de piedras con una quemada al centro ru mor instigativo del tumor en acecho rumor carnífero que ladra y nada por el río Olen tangy lleno de llantas el fuego rumorántico el rumor enardecido de la guerra tele visada y de la guerra sin fin es un rumor de besos entre los estantes de la biblioteca los libros oscuros en sus rumores pretéritos r umor de mis piernas que pa san por una cloaca bombardeada de Tokyo es el año del rumor 1949 y me escucha el rumor insilencioso de las abejas bajo la mesa donde hay un rumor lacrado un rumor que me quito y me visto to das las mañanas que me quedan



"Nombre"

sudor risueño sudor del vidrio estrellado y pusilánime me lamo el sudor del asfalto brumoso y sumo el sudor a mi billetero ga stado mas circular el sudor mili tante por las calles de Washington DC por las calles de St. Louis por las calles de los Ángeles de las ciudades orondas de hormigas por el sudor del hambre que me cobraban los camiones de Texas hasta Laredo donde se abre el mundo de mi sudor rutilante el sudor de los poros del desierto sudor inmiscible de la misericordia risible su dor lactante sudor de una moneda de 1968 sudor de Chicago donde vi una cara muerta hace años de sudor sudorificante que se acuerda de los túneles por la sierra sud or fisgón y fiscal sudor cami nado por las aceras del DF sin sudor sin láminas sin toalla y sin el frío que me deletrea el nombre

Written in Fog

from my heartburn it's written from the collapsing leg on the hill it's wri tten it's written and glistening from the gristle forgotten on the floor it's written in the cloud and leaving the cloud it's written and left in a corner at the bus station downtown it's a thumbing of ears what's writ ten it's written from the frog in the back of my brain it's written in the writing was confetti mailed in an envelope of skin written it's a crow ded hand in a bag of seeds it's written and wrung it's barking or written was written on a flag you wiped your ass with written from the brick remembered in a pond it's written it's swallowed it's anti acid milky on the bottom of a glass where it's written written a blur rolling to the edge of a table